THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI *RAJESH PILOT*) : (a) to (e) The Government of India is fully committed to implementing the Rajiv-Longowal Accord and to strive for a comprehensive settlement of all outstanding issues, including the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab. Sincere efforts are continuing in this direction to find common acceptable solution to these outstanding issues, in consultation with the concerned parties.

Terrorist activities in Corbett National Park

1838. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities on the rise in Corbett National Park;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 10 labourers were recently killed by terrorists in the Park area; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to curb terrorist activity in the Park area so that tourism is not adversely affected and also that the natural flora & fauna in the Park are maintained properly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Such instances have come to notice. In a recent incident on January 18, 1993, terrorist killed 10 labourers in forest areas of Terai.

(c) The Government is alive to the situation and is keeping a close and constant watch on militant activities. All possible steps including intensified combing, strengthening the deployment etc. have been initiated to curb the spread of terrorism in the area.

National Foundation for Communal Harmony

1839. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *Alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established a National Foundation for Communal Harmony;

(b) if so, what is the scheme of assistance and aims/objects;

(c) how the Foundation is proposed to be funded; and

(d) the details of activities it is to engage in ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The objectives of the Foundation are to :

(i) Undertake programmes or projects for providing assistance to the children of families affected by communal violence, in particular for their education and/or vocational training;

(ii) Undertake programmes or projects for assisting the physical and psychological rehabilitation of the children, families or other victims of communal violence, and their assimilation into the main stream of society;

(iii) Promote or undertake activities for the promotion of communal harmony and national integration including, but not limited to scholarships, fellowships and studies;

(iv) Promote or undertake activities which will highlight and strengthen the bonds of unity and affinity between different religious and other groups in the country;

(v) Undertake and encourage activities which will promote belief in the principles of non-violence in resolving disputes between different religious and other groups in society;

(vi) Institute awards or rewards for outstanding contributions to the cause of communal harmony and national integration;

(vii) Cooperate with, and secure the cooperation of, the Central Government, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, industrial and commercial organisations, and non-governmental voluntary and other organisations and bodies in promoting the objects of the Foundation;

(viii) Provide information services, set up libraries, bring out journals, books or other forms of literature to promote the objects of the Foundation;

(ix) Do all such other lawful acts and things as may be necessary or conducive to furthering the objects of the Foundation.

The foundation provides financial assistance to children affected by communal riots which took place after 24th July, 1991. The assistance is provided for items like textbooks, stationery, food, clothing health care and recreation. The scale of assistance is Rs. 425 Per Month per child for class A and B cities and Rs. 375 Per Month per child in other places. The Foundation is funded by the Central Government and by donations from the public.

Granting Status of an Autonomous Hill Council to Leh

1840. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to grant to Leh the status of an Autonomous District Hill Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) A tripartite Agreement was signed on 29-10-1989 between the Ladakh Buddhist Association on the one hand and the representatives of State and Central Governments on the other. Under the Agreement, the Ladakh Buddhist Association agreed to drop their demand for Union Territory Status for Ladakh. It was also agreed that a satisfactory and mutually acceptable solution to the various problems of the Ladakh region will be worked out, and a memorandum submitted by the Ladakh Buddhist Association, which included the demand for Autonomous Hill Council, would also be taken up for detailed consideration.

Pursuant to this, a series of discussions were held in the months of April, May and June, 1992. The last meeting was held in the month of November, 1992 where representatives of Central and State Governments and LBA and LMA participated. It was agreed that the State Government will hold further discussions with the representatives of LBA and LMA and the proposals that may be formulated will be taken up for further discussion at the Central Government level. These proposals are awaited.

सूरत में साम्प्रदायिक दंगों में मारे गये व्यक्ति

1841. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अयोध्या घटना के बाद 31-1-93 तक सूरत में साम्प्रदायिक दंगों में कितने लोग मारे गये, इनमें से कितने लोग पुलिस की गोली से मारे गये और कितने लोग मुठभेड़ों में मारे गये;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान दंगों में कितने लोग घायल हुए;

(ग) मृतक के परिवारों और घायल व्यक्तियों को सरकार द्वारा कितनी-कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी गई;

(घ) इन दंगों के सम्बन्ध में कितने व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये; और

(ङ) दंगों के कारण कुल कितनी वित्तीय हानि हुई है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

दिल्ली में साम्प्रदायिक दंगे

1842. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 27 जनवरी, 1993 को दिल्ली में हुए दंगों में कितने व्यक्ति मारे गये और कितने घायल हुए ;